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UNCLAS LJUBLJANA 000092

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LONDON FOR US IMO PERMREP EVANS

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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA: IMO BALLAST WATER TREATY

REFTEL: A) LJUBLJANA 0069

B) SECSTATE 013847

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE PROTECT
ACCORDINGLY.

1. (SBU) ON 04 FEBRUARY, ECON SPECIALIST FOLLOWED UP
REF A INQUIRY WITH BRANKO MAHNE, STATE UNDERSECRETARY
AT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, DETERMINING THE GOS
POSITION ON REF B POINTS AND DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A
BALLAST WATER DISCHARGE STANDARD IN REGULATION D-2 OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND
MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS.
UNOFFICIALLY, MAHNE REPORTED THAT "SLOVENIA WOULD BE
SUPPORTIVE OF THE U.S. POSITION," BUT THAT HE COULD NOT
OFFICIALLY SAY AS MUCH, SINCE THE "INTRA-MINISTERIAL
PROCESS HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED." (NOTE: THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SOLICITS THE OPINION OF TWO FIELD
EXPERTS, UNIVERSITY OF KOPER'S PROFESSORS DAVID AND
PAVLIHA, TO FORMULATE ITS POSITION. END NOTE).

2. (SBU) COMMENT: WE EXPECT THE GOS OFFICIAL POSITION
TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITION AS LONG AS IT IS LINE
WITH OTHER EU MEMBERS STATES, SINCE THIS IS NOT A
PRIORITY ISSUE FOR IT. END COMMENT.

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